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NEATLY DONE AT THIS OFFICE.

Lieut. Colonel Ewell, Chief Quartermaster for the Department of the South, who met with so severe an accident several weeks since, has resumed the full discharge of his duties. We are gratified to learn that this honest and efficient officer will not go North with Gen. Hunter, but will remain at his post in this Department.

To the great joy of the soldiers, the sutlers, and all who have supplied the army in the Department of the South with the necessities and some of the luxuries of life, the Circassian arrived last Tuesday with one million and a half money on board consigned to Major Dwight Bannister, Chief of the Paymaster's Corps for this Department. This amount will pay all the troops, white and negro, to the 1st of May. More than one-half if not two-thirds of this sum will be returned to the North within the next two weeks, by the soldiers who have friends and families depending upon them.

Everything connected with the Paymaster's Department, through the efficient supervision of Major Bannister, is now in admirable working order, and not a moment's delay is allowed in placing the small earnings of the soldiers immediately in their hands.

The Paymaster's corps consists of the following officers, and the Treasury Department is to be congratulated upon having at least in this portion of the army a class of gentlemen against whom there has never existed the slightest suspicion of irregularity of life or a disposition to use their position to advance their own private interests:

Maj. Dwight Bannister, Chief; Major Ten Eyck, Maj. Mason, Maj. Dormar, Maj. Moore, Maj. Stryker, Maj. Babbitt, Maj. Wood, Maj. Karnes.—Cor. N. Y. Tribune 8th.

The correspondent of the Tribune for the Department of the South, in his last letter to that paper, says that gifted and good women from the North, instead of going to foreign climes on the grand mission of humanity, are landing in this department almost every week, who immediately engage in the noble task of teaching these benighted blacks to read and write and cultivate the christian virtues. Ladies can be found here daily teaching in the negro schools who would adorn the highest social circles, and be admired wherever they are known for their beauty their wit, and their generous and liberal christian culture. If the black race on this continent is to be emancipated, not only from despotic servitude but from the bondage of ignorance and superstition, it will be mainly through the teaching of these good women.

The rebels propose to erect a statue in honor of Stonewall Jackson at a rather cheap rate. The Richmond Sentinel says it is to cost sixty or eighty thousand dollars, "in Confederate funds!"

A little boy at Aroostook, heard a sermon from the text—"Ye must be born again," and came home crying through fear that if born again he should be a gal-

Vallandigham and Free Speech.

INDIGNATION MEETING IN ACCOMAC.

On Thursday, my boy, the report that a friend of the well-known southern confederacy had been arrested and court-martialed, in Ohio, for simply advising the intelligent masses to set fire to a few Union hospitals and go hunting after American eagles by the light thereof—this report, I say, excited amongst the loyal but seditious patriots of storied Accomac an indignation that was anything but speechless. Shades of our Revolutionary sires! was it possible that a citizen of the Republic could no longer speak pieces without being arrested for speaking peace! Ashes of the great! could it be, indeed, true that, even where there were no police, a man's personal liberty was no longer safe! The people of Accomac, my boy, were alarmed for their own liberties, and at once held a public meeting, at which I happened to be present.

As all the citizens who were worth \$300 each sent notes to say that they had imperative engagements to prepare for the approaching Conscription, and could not come, the meeting was composed entirely of the other citizens, many of whom engaged in single combat on their way thither, for the purpose of making the distance seem shorter. Punctually at seven o'clock, P. M., a gentleman of much music touched off a small field piece with such admirable precision as to break all the windows for two blocks around, and then dexterously discharged a two-pound sky-rocket into the third story bedroom of a venerable maiden lady living across the road. The demonstration was received with joyous acclamations by the populace, nearly twelve of whom had already arrived; and a victim of Federal oppression, with a very large stomach, mounted the platform erected for the speakers, and said that he would commence proceeding on this occasion, by reading a short portion of Washington's Farewell Address from the volume of Bancroft which he held in his hand. (Great applause.) The honorable gentleman then proceeded to read something; but was interrupted by a reporter, who remarked that the speaker must be mistaken about that being Washington's Address, as he had certainly read it in the Bible. The honorable gentleman then turned his book over so that he could read the title, and said that he had, indeed, made a slight mistake about the volume. He would defer reading the Address for the present, and begged leave to introduce Mr. John Smith, the Hon. Ferdinand De Percey having failed to be present.

Mr. Smith said it was the proudest moment of his life, and he felt it an honor to be there. They had met together to denounce and spit upon an infamous Administration, under whose tyrannical sway no man was allowed to say one word against it. A fellow citizen had been arrested in Ohio, upon the miserable charge of advocating peace, when he was really disturbing the peace all he could. How long were such outrages to be endured? He advised his hearers to strictly honor the laws; but he would also have them go home, organize into regiments, purchase artillery, procure iron-clads, and destroy every man who dared to speak in favor of an Administration under which the boldest man dared not express his sentiments. He would have them do all this peaceably; but he would have them do it.

As Chesterfield Mortimer, the celebrated Accomac patriot, was not able to be present on this occasion, Mr. Jones was introduced, and made a few sensible remarks. He said he had always been a law-abiding man, and would always advocate the strictest observance of the laws. The wretched Lincoln, he trusted, would be assassinated at any early day, by some great-souled man.

At this moment, my boy, the speaker suddenly stopped short; stared at a white object which had just appeared fluttering down the street; and then, dashing wildly from the platform, tore furiously in the direction of said object, which appeared to be moving; followed spontaneously and with frantic speed by his fellow-speakers and the entire meeting. I was astounded; I was overwhelmed; for such a sudden breaking up and precipitate flight of a great indignation meeting was never wit-

nessed before. Quickly mounting the vacant rostrum, I drew my field glass from my pocket, and proceeded to scan the wonderful white object which had produced such an electrical effect. It was moving on, as I fixed my glass upon it, and I found it to be a new banner, born by a fat young man in a white apron, and bearing the inscription:

BROOKSES
NEW BAR ROOM,
Just Opened.
Free Lunch now Ready.

This it was, my boy, which had broken up one of the most significant meetings of the age, by artfully working upon the idea of its supposed inn-significance.

Upon reaching Washington, on my return, I heard that a serious-minded chap, of Republican officiousness, had just waited upon Honest Abe to ask if he did not intend to cause the arrest of Smith and Jones for their treason.

The Honest Abe smiled feebly, and scratched his head, and, says he:

"What Smith and Jones, neighbor?"
"Why," says the serious-minded chap, earnestly, "the Smith and Jones of Accomac."

"Well, really," says the Honest Abe, pleasantly, "it's curious, now; but I never heard of them before."

Drawing an inference from this little circumstance of Executive conversation, my boy, it strikes me that it would add considerably to the importance of some of our large sized local revolutionists, if they could overturn the present ignorant Administration, and establish in its place a—Directory.

Yours, double-entendriy,
ORPHEUS C. KERR.

THE TURF.—The patrons of the turf, have had quite an exciting time during the past week, having had a more than usual amount of sport furnished. On Tuesday, the 9th inst., the return match between the brown stallion Robert Fillingham and the gray gelding Rockingham, for \$2,000, mile heats, to go as they pleased, came off on the Fashion Course, L. I.

H. Woodruff named br. s. Robert Fillingham, in harness..... 1 1 1
W. Doble named g. g. Rockingham, under the Saddle..... 2 2 2
Time—2.24½—2.27¼—2.32½.

On the following day (Wednesday, the 10th inst.,) the third great match of the series between the famous New Jersey stallion George N. Patchen, and the renowned black gelding General Butler, for \$5,000 a side, to wagons, mile heats, came off on the same track, and Patchen won the race; Five closely contested heats—time, 2.27½, 2.29, 2.32¼, 2.30 and 2.32—were trotted, the stallion winning the first, fourth and fifth, General Butler won the second and third heats.

General Butler, we have been informed, has been purchased by Mr. Frank Baker for the large price of \$15,000.—Herald, 16th.

BILLIARDS.—The billiard tournament which commenced in N. Y. on Monday, the 1st inst., was brought to a termination on the evening of the 9th, and resulted in favor of Dudley Kavanah. The whole affair has been eminently successful, and the playing shown far superior to any ever witnessed before in the city.

After the Congress adjourned on Friday Mr. Secreiter arose and exhibited to parties present a challenge to Kavanah for the Championship; at the same time he stepped forward and placed his \$260 forfeit in the hands of Messrs Phelan & Callender.

Messrs. Kavanah and Secreiter met on Friday evening last, and concluded all the arrangements for the above match, which will take place on Thursday, the 15th October.—Wilkes' Spirit.

In 1860 over six millions pounds of tobacco were raised in Connecticut, and this year it is calculated the amount will be doubled—as the valley of the Connecticut is this season to be almost entirely devoted to this crop. At the present price of the weed—as much again as it used to be—the returns to the producers will be exceedingly profitable. This State now stands the tenth in the Union in the production of tobacco.

GENERAL ORDERS.

GENERAL ORDERS, NO. 41.

HEADQUARTERS U. S. FORCES,
Port Royal Island, Beaufort, S. S., June 19, 1863.

I. Neither public nor private horses will be ridden through the streets of Beaufort at a faster gait than a walk. Whenever it is necessary for a mounted orderly to ride more rapidly, his rate of speed will be endorsed on the despatch he carries. Enlisted men of the cavalry and artillery are prohibited riding their horses faster than a trot, anywhere. The public teams, with or without loads, will not be driven faster than at a walk.

II. Commissioned officers must go beyond the limits of the town to try the speed of their horses.

III. The Provost Marshal will cause to be arrested all enlisted men, and report to these Headquarters officers and all others, who violate this order.

By Command of W. W. H. DAVIS,
Col. 104th Penn. Vols., Commanding Post.
W. KREUTZER, Capt. and A. A. General.

GENERAL ORDERS, NO. 49.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTH,
Hilton Head, Port Royal, S. C., June 15th 1863.

I. Section 2, of General Order No. 43, current series, from these Headquarters, is modified to read as follows:

Also, "all enlisted men recommended for discharge on certificate of disability."

If, in the opinion of the board, the officer or soldier is unfit for active field service, on account of wounds or disease contracted in the line of duty, and is fit for garrison duty, they will certify to these facts, and transmit such certificate to the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, who will prepare rolls, in accordance with General Orders No. 105 current series, from the War Department, and transmit the same, through the regular channels, to the Provost Marshal General of the United States.

II. Pursuant to instructions from the Surg. General's Office, the Medical Director Department of the South has convened an Examining Board, at Beaufort, S. C., before which will be brought any person, soldier or otherwise, who may apply for a position as Medical Officer in the negro Regiment, organized, or to be organized, in this Department.

Applications for examination before the Board will be made in writing, or in person, to Surg. C. H. Crane, Medical Director, Department of the South, Hilton Head, S. C.

Q. A. GILMORE,
Brig.-Gen'l. Commanding.

FOURTH OF JULY.

Programme of arrangements for the celebration of the Fourth day of July, 1863, by the officers and men of the Fifty-second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, in the grove on Beaufort Green, near their camp. The public in general are invited to attend

PROGRAMME.

The exercises will commence at 10 o'clock A. M.
Prayer by the Rev. GRIES.
Music by the Band.
Reading of the Declaration of Independence by Maj. J. B. CONYNGHAM.

Music.
Prayer.
Star Spangled Banner, by the assemblage.
Benediction.

The exercises will be concluded by numerous amusements, such as sack race, climbing the greased pole, pig race, &c., &c.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Lieut. J. W. GILCHRIST, Lieut. N. ORCHARD,
" H. A. MOTT, " J. S. MARCY,
" R. W. BANNATYNE, " G. H. STERLING,
" J. G. STEVENS.

The fair-sex and their fashion of costly skirts is satirized in this clever adaption of the old nursery rhyme:

"A way to dress
In the mode, I guess,
Takes a husband's bones quite clean,
And poor Mr. Spratt
Must cry 'No fat.'
And his wife will cry 'no-line.'"

An old bachelor geologist, was once boasting that every rock was as familiar to him as the alphabet. A lady who was present declared she knew of a rock of which he was ignorant. "Name it," said the Clycop, in a rage. "It is rock the cradle," replied the lady.